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HERCULES AND THE HYDRA.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's zealous determination, in fulfilment of his pledges, to grapple with the great questions at this time perplexing the country, was displayed in the large number of important measures laid before Parliament.

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The Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P.

SON of Sir John Gladstone, Bart., of Fasque, Scotland, an eminent Liverpool merchant; born at Liverpool, 29 December, 1809; educated at Eton, and Oxford, where he was a "double-first;" entered Parliament in the Conservative interest as M.P. for Newark, 1832; Lord of the Treasury in Sir Robert Peel's Ministry, 1834; Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1835; Vice-President of the Board of Trade and Privy Councillor, 1841; President of the Board of Trade, 1843-5; Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1846; returned for the University of Oxford at the General Election, 1847, and continued to represent that constituency until 1865; finally separated himself from the Conservative party in 1852; Chancellor of the Exchequer in Lord Aberdeen's Administration, 1852-5; again Chancellor of the Exchequer under Lord Palmerston, 1859-65; defeated at Oxford at the General Election, 1865, but returned for South Lancashire; on the death of Lord Palmerston, in 1865, continued in office as Chancellor of the Exchequer under Earl Russell, and became Leader of the House of Commons; introduced the Government Reform Bill, 1866, which being defeated in Committee, the Russell Ministry resigned; at the General Election in 1868 defeated in Lancashire, but returned for Greenwich, which Borough he still represents; became Prime Minister on the resignation of the Disraeli Ministry in December,

1868; during his five years' administration, carried (amongst other measures) the Irish Church Disestablishment and Land Acts, the Elementary Education Act, the Abolition of Purchase in the Army, and the Ballot Act; on the rejection of the University Education (Ireland) Bill in 1873, resigned office, but resumed it on Mr. Disraeli declining to undertake to form an administration; in August of the same year, when great changes were made in his Cabinet, Mr. Gladstone became Chancellor of the Exchequer as well as First Lord of the Treasury; in the beginning of 1874, shortly before the meeting of Parliament, he announced an immediate dissolution; the General Election which followed being unfavourable to the Liberal Party, he at once resigned office; withdrew from the leadership of his Party in 1875, but has continued to deliver his opinions on great public questions both in and out of Parliament.

Early in his career Mr. Gladstone published "The State in its Relations with the Church," and subsequently "Church Principles considered in their Results;" he visited Naples in 1850, and the following year issued a vigorous and indignant appeal on behalf of a large number of Neapolitan political prisoners; he is also the author of works on Homer and Homeric studies, and the writer of various pamphlets and articles on political, ecclesiastical, and religious topics.

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1855—1877.

MR. BULL WANTS TO KNOW "THE REASON WHY."

MRS. JEAMES GRAHAM (a Housekeeper). "*Really, sir, this* 'INQUIRY' *is so very* 'INCONVENIENT' *that we should like to leave at once.*"

☞ Mr. Gladstone, Sir James Graham, and Sidney Herbert, seceded from Lord Palmerston's Cabinet in disapproval of the demand for an inquiry into the Crimean mismanagement.—1855.

FROZEN-OUT TEA-GARDENERS.

AS SEEN AT THE PRESENT TIME ABOUT WESTMINSTER.

☞ Mr. Cobden's resolution condemning the dispute with China was supported by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli, and carried against the Ministry—who, instead of resigning, successfully appealed to the country.—1857.

No. 2.

THE BOY FOR OUR MONEY.

DIZ. *"Better let* ME *carry it for yer, sir!"*
JOHN BULL. *"Never again! I tried you before."*

☞ Mr. Gladstone's financial ability was strikingly displayed in his Budget proposals of this year. Mr. Disraeli's adverse motion was rejected by a large majority.—1860.

No. 3.

MASTER BULL AND HIS DENTIST.

DENTIST. *"Don't cry, my little man! I'm not going to draw any more this time, and there's a penny for you!"*

☞ An agreeable feature in Mr. Gladstone's Budget of this year was the reduction of a penny in the Income Tax.—1861.

GLADSTONE SALVE—FOR TENDER CONSCIENCES.

"*The inequalities and anomalies of the Income Tax have this advantage; namely, that* THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD. *The back learns to adapt itself to the burden.*"—Speech of MR. GLADSTONE in the House of Commons.

THE MEANING.—"*I mean, of course, that as a man* QUITE UNDERSTANDS *that the tax is unequal and anomalous, he adapts the burden to what he considers the powers of his back.*"—Literal Translation by MR. PUNCH.

☞ The injustice of the Income Tax assessment, whereby precarious incomes are charged at a similar rate with assured incomes, has not yet been remedied.—1863.

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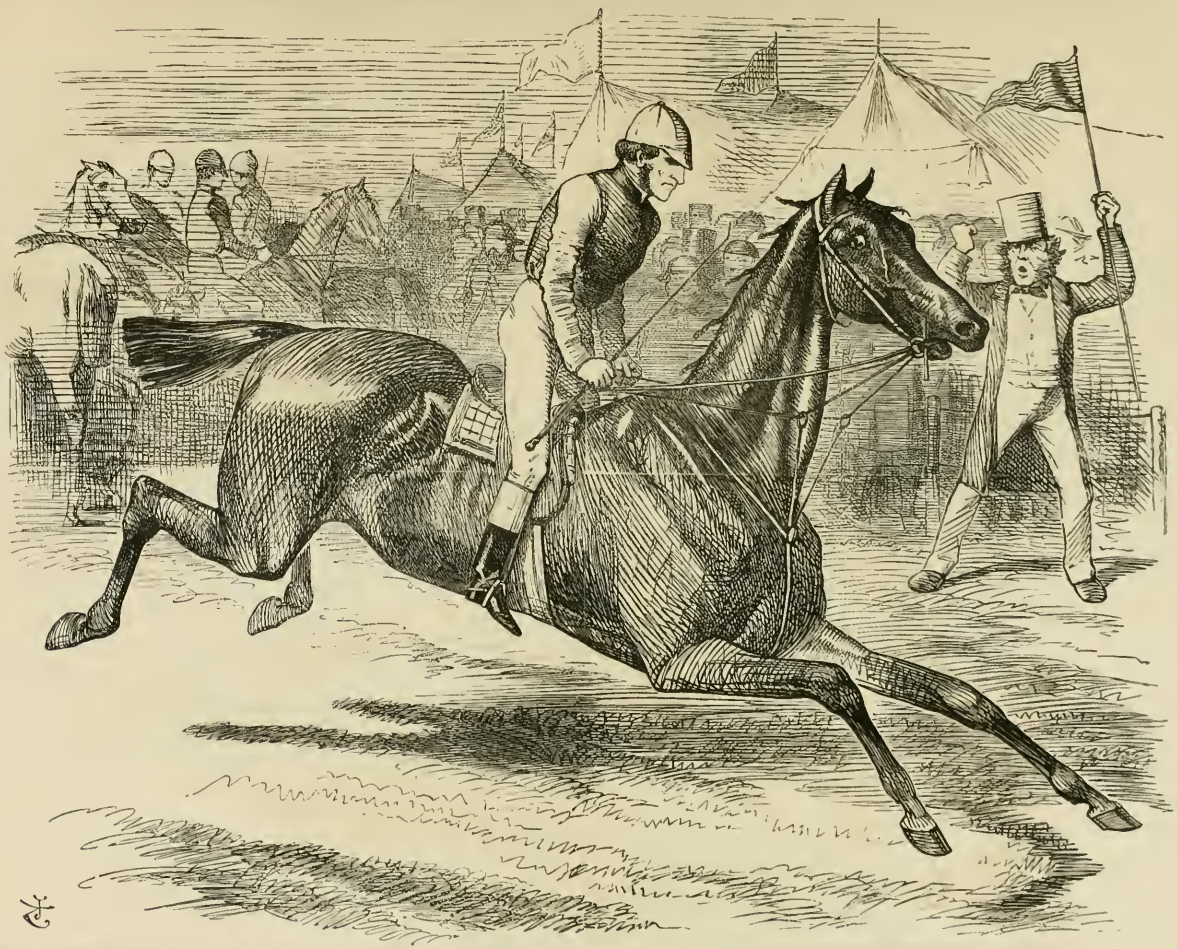

THE FALSE START.

PAM (THE STARTER). "*Hi! Gladstone! Democracy! Too soon! Too soon! You mustn't go yet!*"

☞ Mr. Gladstone warmly supported a proposal to grant the franchise in Boroughs to £6 householders. His speech and vote occasioned much surprise.—1864.

THE AGRICULTURAL JEREMY DIDDLER.

MALT TAX REPEALER. *"You don't happen to have six or seven millions about you, sir?"*
GLADSTONE. *"Yes, I do—and I mean to* KEEP THEM ABOUT ME."

☞ The Agricultural interest clamoured as usual for a reduction or repeal of the Malt Tax. They were entirely unsuccessful.—1865.

No. 7.

THE ELECTION BUDGET.

GLADSTONE. *"I think, Mr. Bull, we may now reckon on* YOUR *support!"*

☞ Mr. Gladstone's financial abilities—as shown in his magnificent surplus, devoted to a reduction of the Tea Duty and a diminution of the Income Tax—greatly strengthened the Ministry.—1865.

No. 8.

PEGASUS UNHARNESSED.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's rejection at Oxford was hailed with approbation by the advanced Liberals, who now looked to him as their future Leader.—1865.

No. 9.

NEW GUY FAWKES; OR DIZZY'S CHEF-D'ŒUVRE.

"*Under the guise of Liberalism—under the pretence of legislating in the spirit of the age—they are, as they think, about to seize upon the supreme estate of the realm.*"—See MR. DISRAELI'S Speech, April 3rd, 1868.

☞ Mr. Disraeli's alarming picture of the revolutionary projects of his opponents was powerless to prevent the passing of the Irish Church Resolutions, which were carried by a large majority.—1868.

No. 10.

THE RISING TIDE.

MRS. GAMP. *"O you bad, wicked boy! I s'pose you'll be for a washin' away* THAT *Church next!"*

☞ Immediately after the close of Parliament, Mr. Gladstone commenced his electoral canvass. The Irish Church question was the all absorbing one before the constituencies.—1868.

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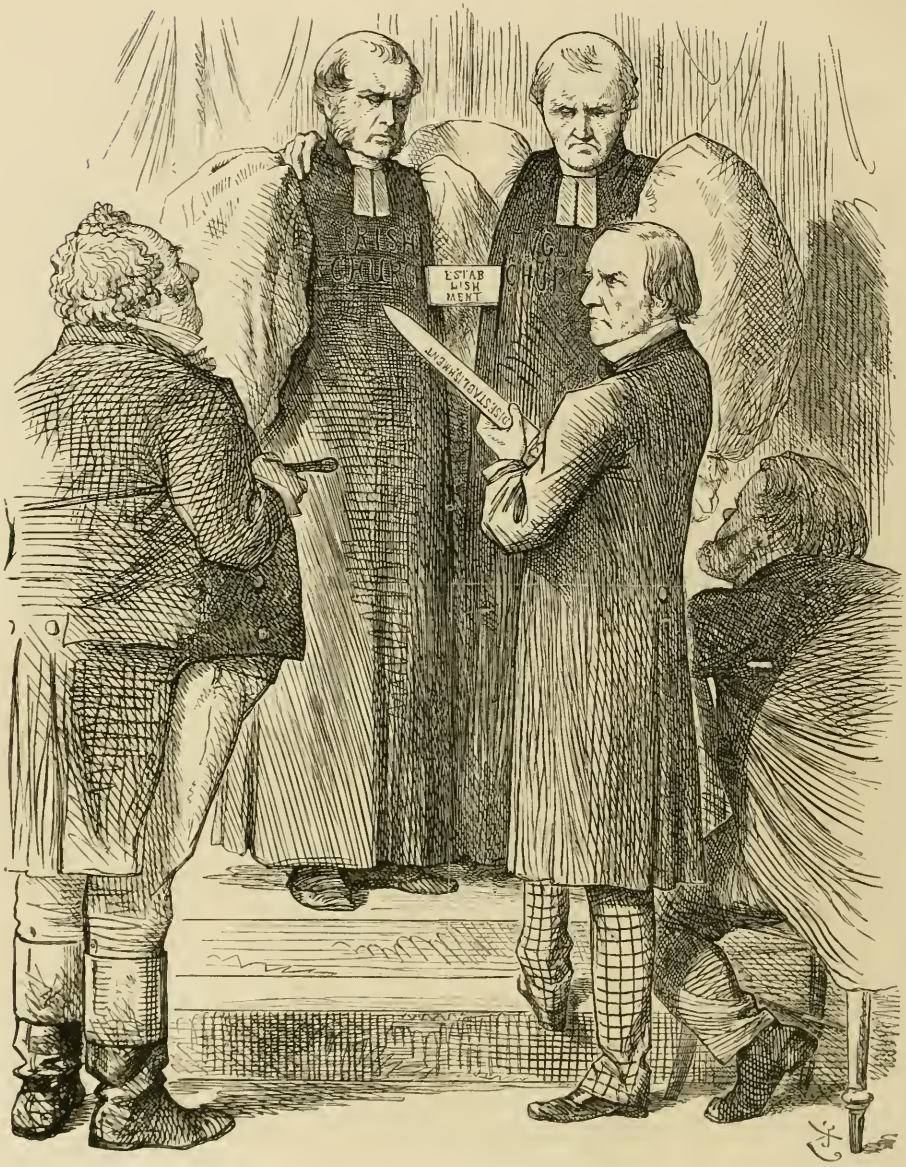

OUR SIAMESE TWINS.

MR. BULL. *"You don't think the operation will be fatal to either?"*
DR. GLADSTONE. *"Oh, no!"*
DR. BRIGHT. *"Not a bit!—Do 'em both all the good in the world."*

☞ Mr. Gladstone's great majority in the new Parliament was unmistakeable evidence of the opinion of the country that "the Church in Ireland as an Establishment should cease to exist."—1869.

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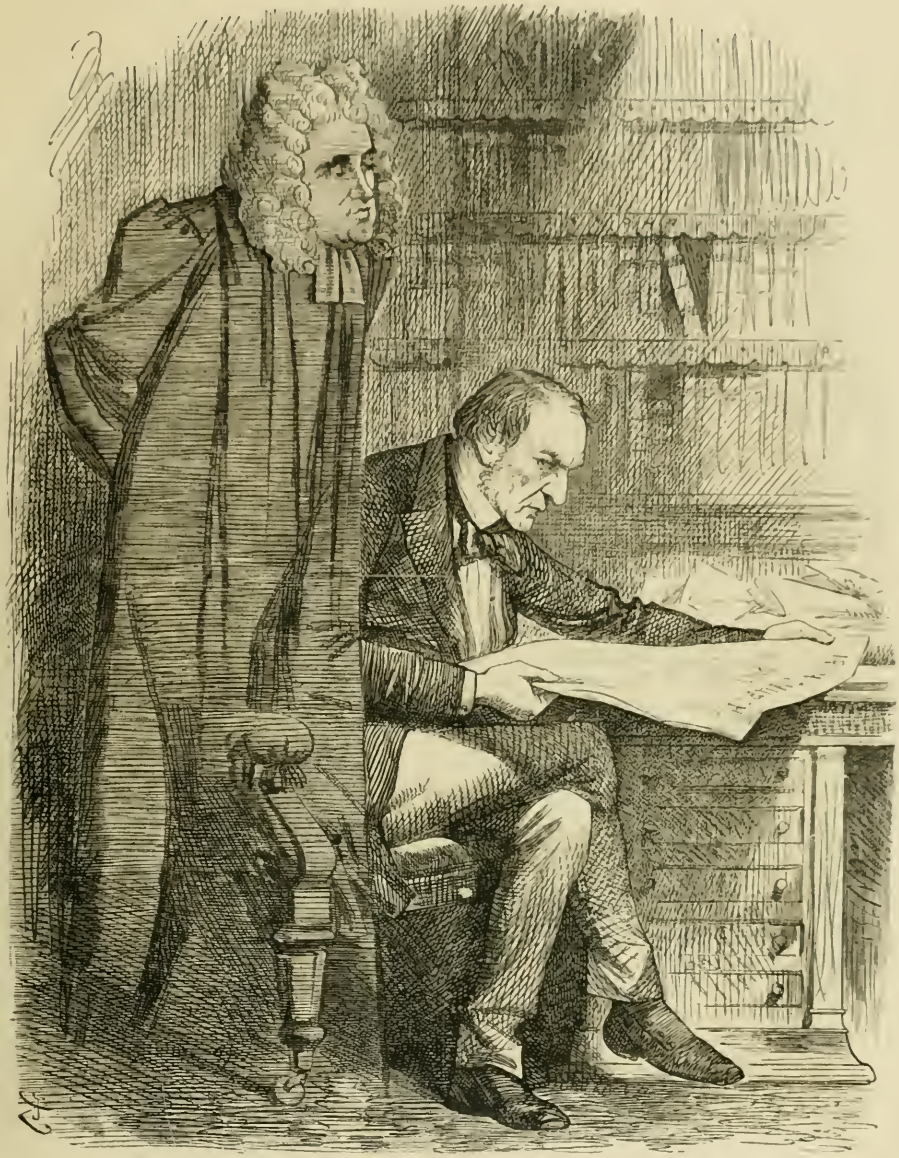


SWIFT ON A LARGE SCALE.

GHOST OF DEAN SWIFT. *"Well, Mr. Gladstone, you quoted my will, but, by Gumdragon, you might have given me credit for being the author of your plan. I left* MY *Church surplus to a Lunatic Asylum."*

"To show by one satiric touch
NO NATION WANTED IT SO MUCH."

☞ Out of the surplus remaining from the Irish Church endowments, Mr. Gladstone assigned a large portion for humanitarian purposes—the care of lunatics, the deaf and dumb, the blind, &c.—1869.

No. 13.

THE CHANGELING.

NURSE CANTERBURY. *"Which we've took the greatest care of 'im, mem, and 'ope you'll think 'im grow'd."*

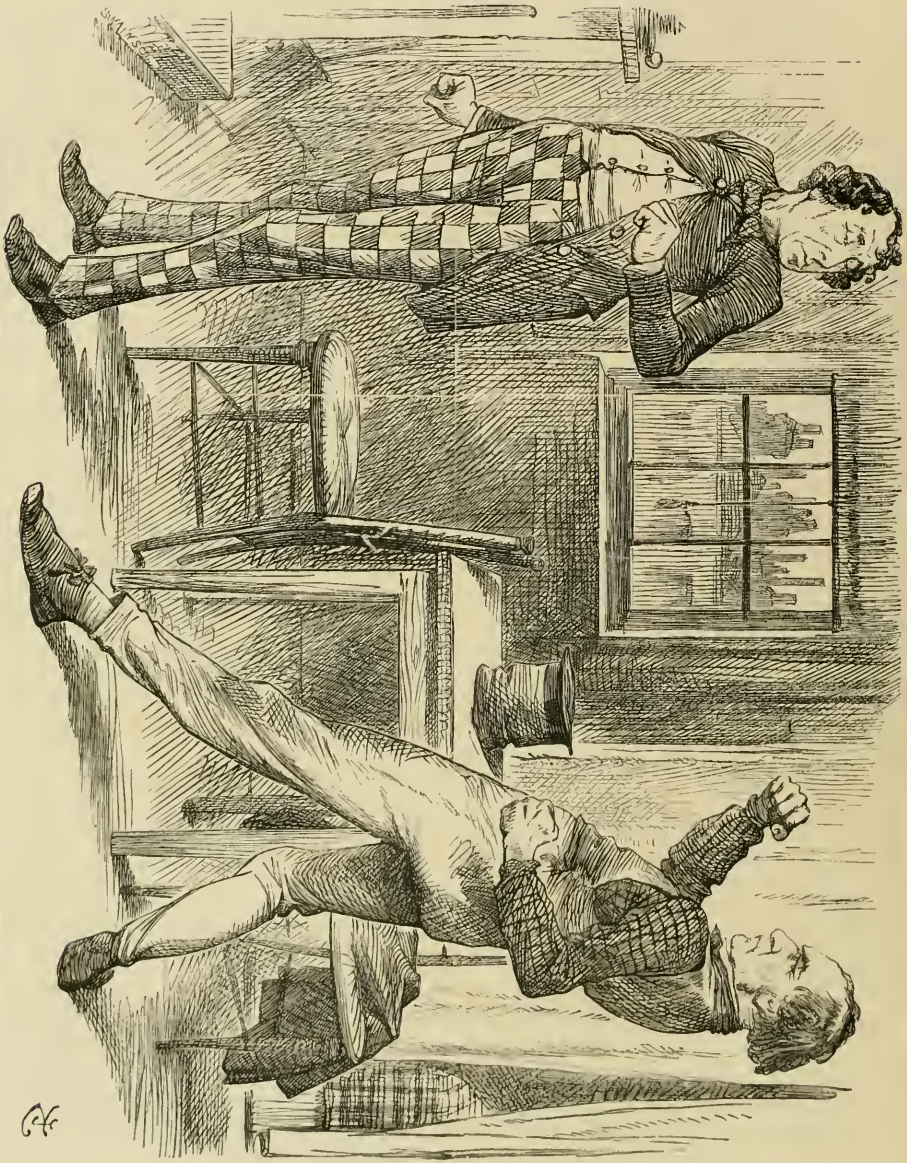
MRS. PRIME MINISTER. *"That is not* MY *che-ild!—not in the least like it."*

☞ The destructive amendments made on the Irish Church Bill by the House of Lords were rejected by Mr. Gladstone, and eventually withdrawn.—1869.

"HER MAJESTY'S SERVANTS."—LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.

THE MANAGER. *"Fer-riends, we have had a most successful season; go, take your holiday, and fare-ye-well: but mind—no star-r-r-ing in the a-provinces!"*

☞ During the Session Mr. Gladstone's earnestness of purpose occasionally displayed an undue interference with the departmental responsibility of his colleagues.—1869.



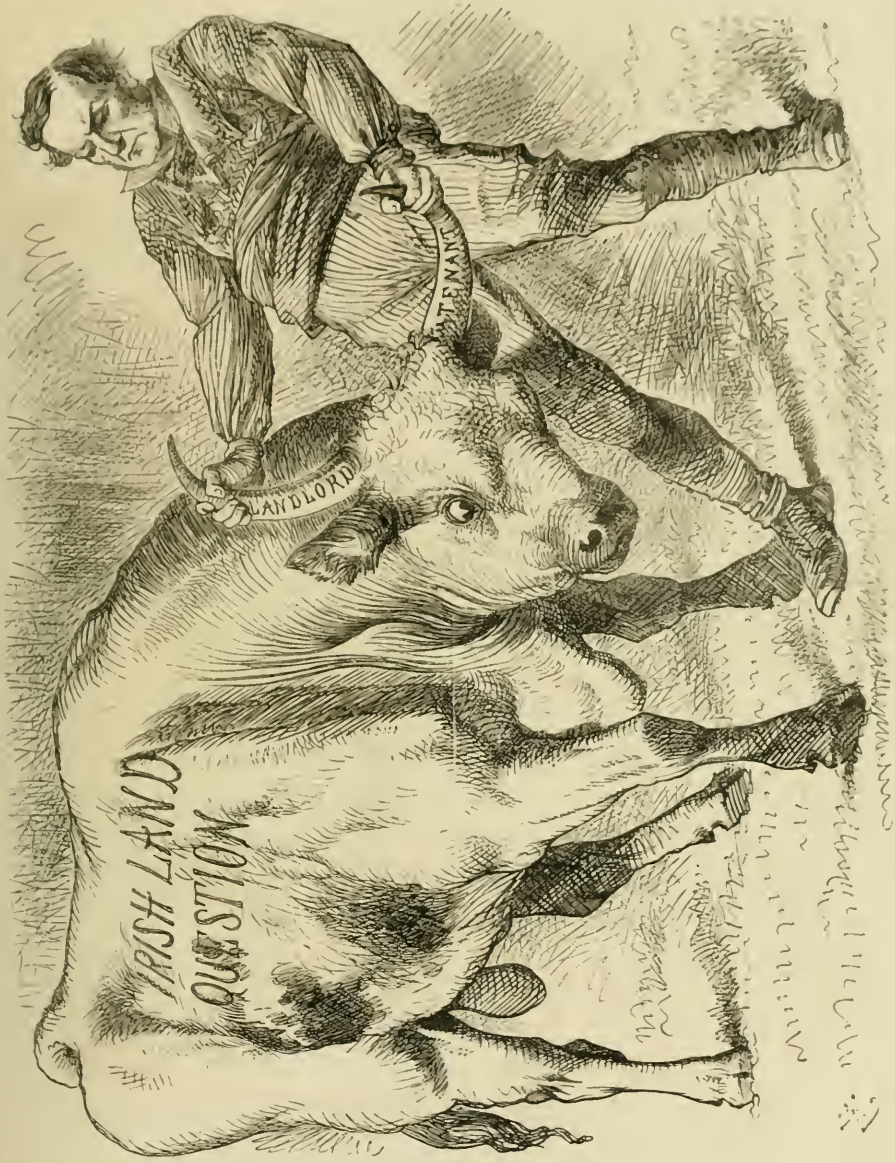
WILLIAM COX AND BENJAMIN BOX.

COX. *"Can you Fight?"*

BOX. *"No I can't."*

COX. "THEN COME ON!!!"

☞ Mr. Gladstone's (at this time) compact majority effectively disabled Mr. Disraeli, and rendered the Opposition powerless for attack.—1870.



TAKING THE (IRISH) BULL BY THE HORNS.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's Irish Land Bill was the chief measure of the Session, and provoked much discussion. It successfully passed both Houses.—1870.

"WHERE'S THE (IRISH) POLICE?"

CHIEF CONSTABLE. *"H'm!—shooting landlords!—wrecking private property!—burning stores!—seizing arms!—breaking heads!—murder and intimidation!—'Pon my word, if they go much further I must really*——DO SOMETHING!!!"

☞ The Fenian outrages in Ireland called loudly for vigorous repression. A Peace Preservation Bill was introduced on March 17th, and almost unanimously passed into law.—1870.

No. 19.

THE IRISH "TEMPEST."

CALIBAN (RORY OF THE HILLS). *"This island's mine, by Sycorax my mother, which thou tak'st from me."*—SHAKSPEARE.

☞ Mr. Gladstone's endeavour to redress the legitimate grievances of Ireland had aroused the implacable hostility of the Ultramontane section.—1870.

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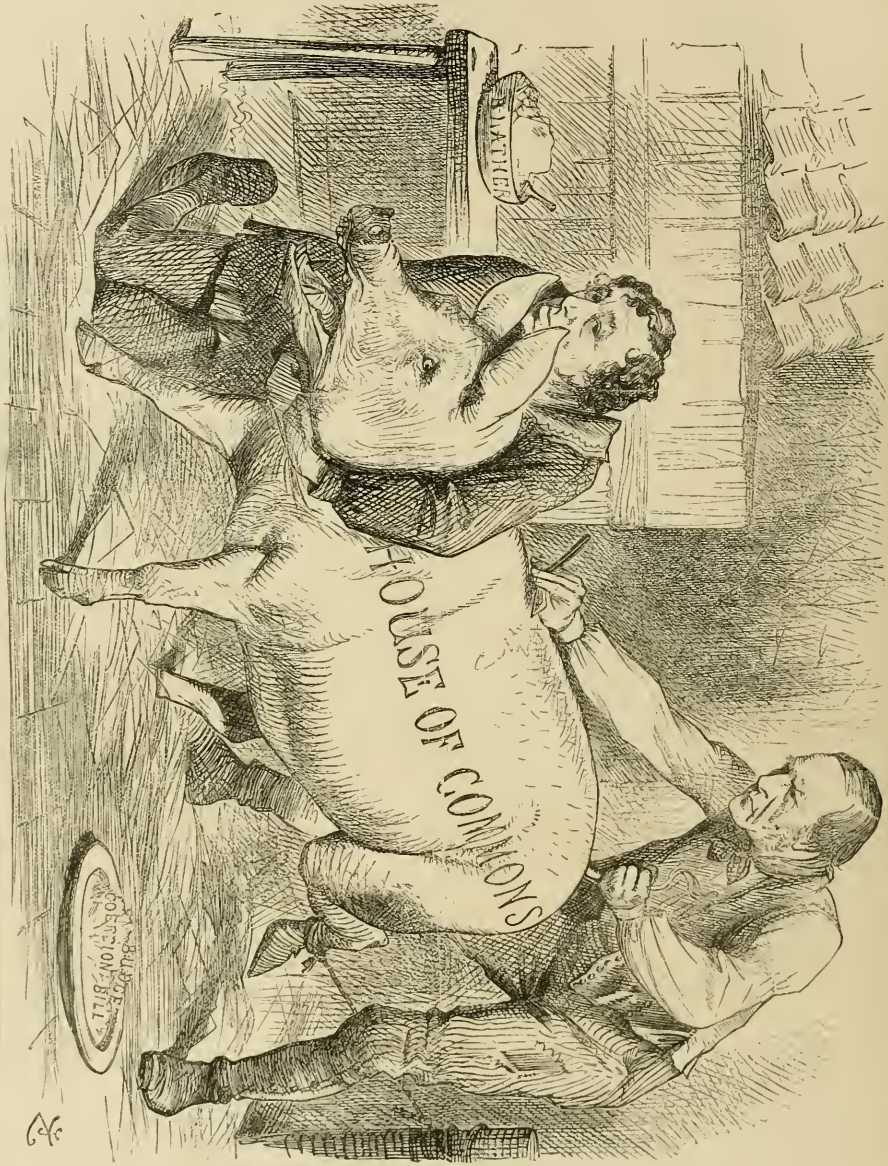
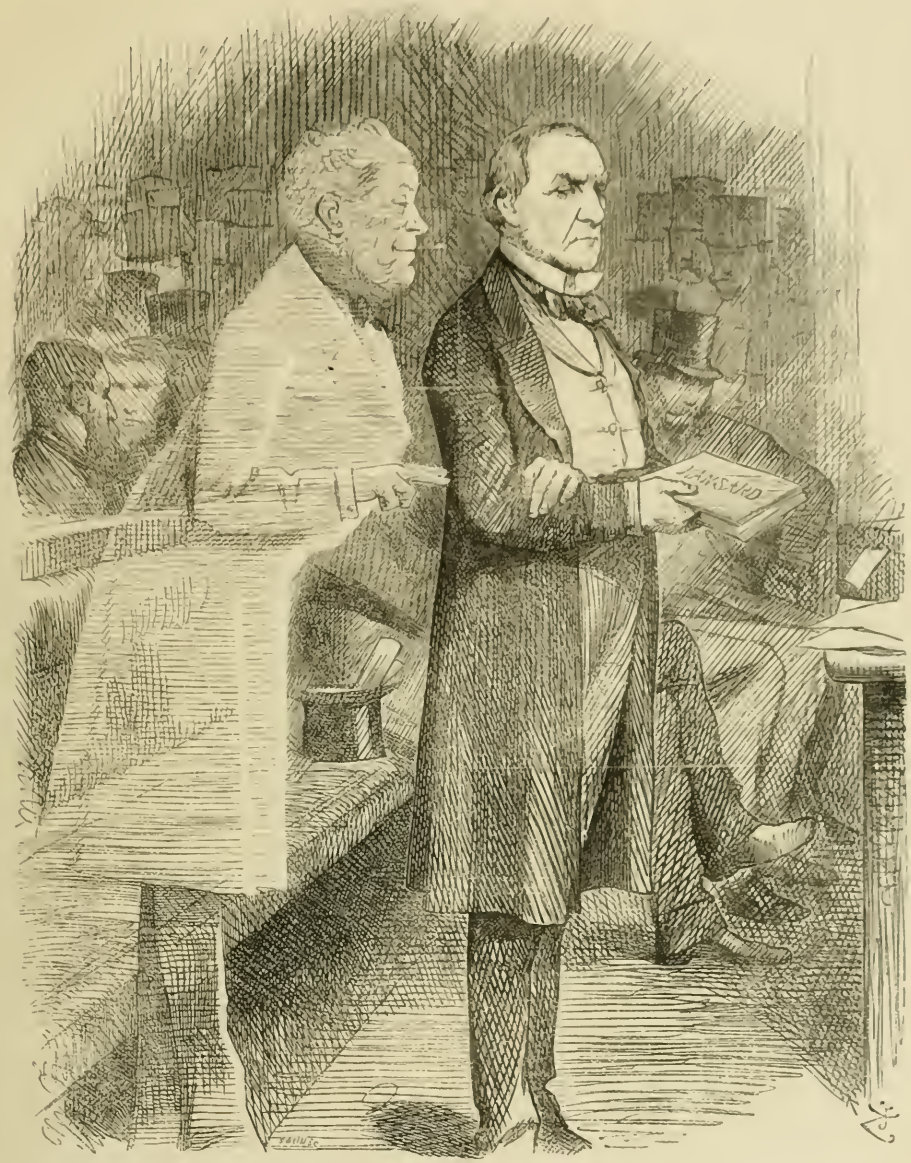


"MUCH CRY AND LITTLE WOOL;" OR, SHAVING THE PARLIAMENTARY PIG.

☞ The Session had been an almost barren one prior to the Easter recess. Too much talk—too little work.—1870.



THE IN-"JUDICIOUS BOTTLE-HOLDER."

GHOST OF PAM. "*Aha, dear boy! we managed things rather differently when I was bottle-holder!*"

"*I have been told that* LORD PALMERSTON *always looked on the Neutralisation of the Black Sea as an arrangement that might be maintained for a limited number of years, but which it was impossible to maintain permanently. I have been told* LORD CLARENDON *never attached value to that neutralisation.*"—MR. GLADSTONE (while the Black Sea Conference was sitting.)

☞ Mr. Gladstone's pacific attitude on the high handed abrogation by Russia of the Black Sea clauses of the Treaty of Paris was injurious to the Ministry.—1871.

No. 22.

A (VERY) "STRAIGHT TIP!"

WILLIAM (the Jockey). "*Well, if you* MUST *know, I'm going to win with* THIS—*and Ballot second!*"

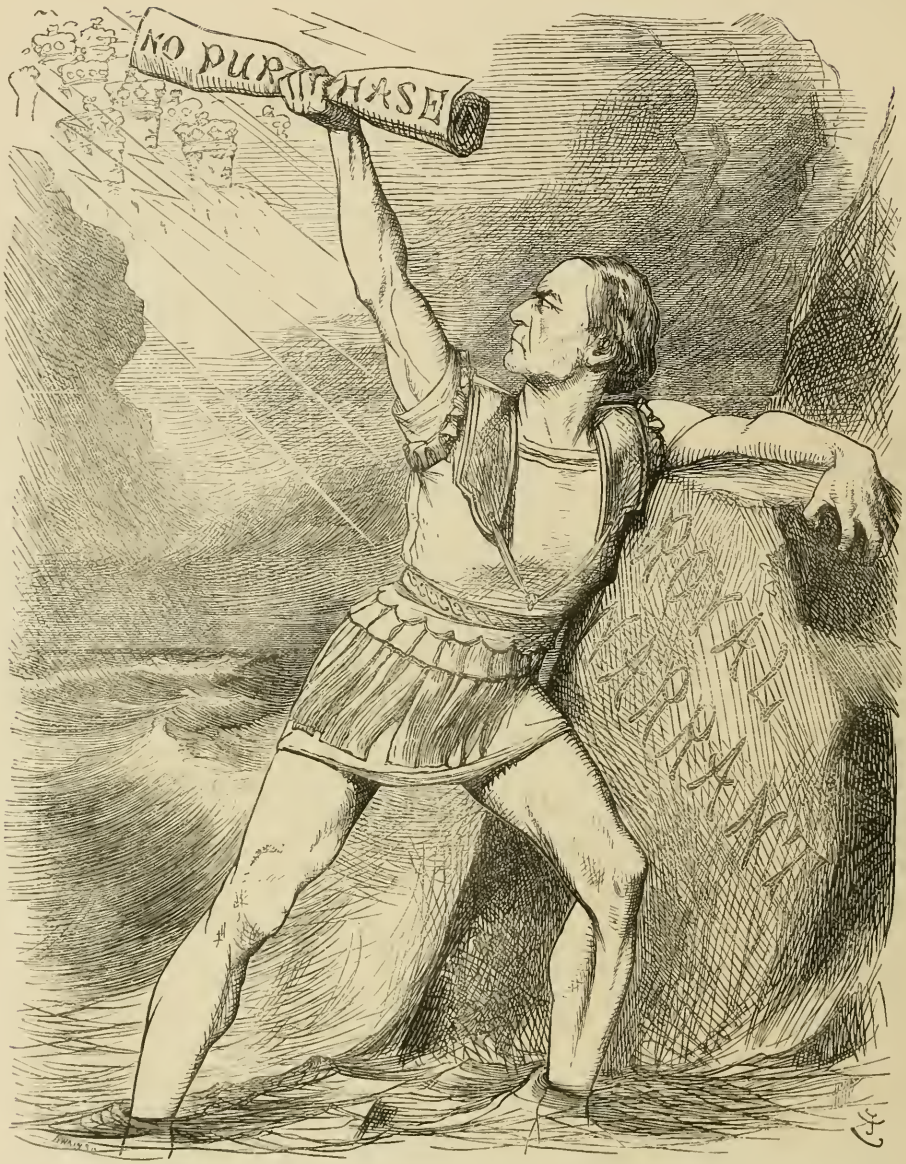
BEN (a Tout). "*Oh ah! I dessay! A couple o' precious screws! How about* BUDGET? *Yah!!*"

☞ The Budget proposals of the Government were not approved by the country. Several of them, including the "Match Tax," were withdrawn, and in their stead twopence was added to the Income Tax.—1871.

No. 23.

THE BRITISH PIONEERS.

☞ The Government experienced much difficulty in carrying their Army Bill. The portion relating to the abolition of the Purchase System was alone proceeded with.—1871.



AJAX DEFYING THE LIGHTNING.

☞ On the rejection of the Army Bill by the Upper House, the Purchase System was abolished by Royal Warrant. This measure provoked the angry resentment of the Peers.—1871.

No. 25.

THE END OF THE SEASON.

BUTLER. *"Before taking leave for my holiday, my Lady, may I venture to hope that my conduct, and that of the other servants, has given you every satisfaction."*

BRITANNIA. *"Take your holiday, Ewart. The less said about the rest the better!"*

☞ The popularity of the Government had declined during the Session. Some of their actions had failed to win the approval of the constituencies.—1871.

No. 26.

"HOBSON'S CHOICE."

M. Th--rs. "*He, mon ami! They may say that I am petulant, but*——"

Mr. Gl-dst-ne. "*Ah, M. le Président, just so! They say I'm irritable, but*—THEY CAN'T GET ON WITHOUT US!"

☞ Equally eminent as statesmen, Mr. Gladstone and M. Thiers were alike defective in the art of guiding a representative Assembly.—1871.

No. 27.

"WILLIE, WE HAVE MISSED YOU."

MISS GREENWICH. *"Glad to see you at last, sir. Plenty of hot water, sir!"*

MR. GL-DST-NE. *"My dear young friend, pray don't talk to me of* HOT WATER; *I came here to* GET OUT OF IT!"

☞ Mr. Gladstone made his first visit to his constituents at Greenwich, October 28th.—1871.

No. 28.

HIS FAVOURITE PART.

"*Mr. Gladstone is ever happy to appear in the character of a Scotsman.*"—Letter from the PREMIER'S Secretary.

☞ Although born at Liverpool, Mr. Gladstone is, as is well known, of Scottish parentage.—1871.

SMOKING THE "CALUMET."

JO-NA-THAN (The Downy Bird). "*Come, my cousin! Let us smoke the peace-pipe!*"
WIL-YUM-EW-ART (The Cheerful Rock). "*That is no peace-pipe! Thy cousin cannot smoke* THAT!"
ROO-TI-TOOIT (The Wise Buffalo). "*Hath not our cousin 'The Downy Bird' been at the fire-water of the pale faces?*"

☞ The Ministry declined to recognize the claim made by the American Government for damages indirectly resulting from the depredations of the notorious *Alabama*. The claim was afterwards withdrawn.—1872.

"NON DOLET."

Mr. Punch. "*William, William, this is very,* very *sad! Why these repeated floggings, dear boy? Not a week passes but——*"

Head Boy. "*All right, sir! What's the odds?* It don't hurt!!"

☞ The waning popularity of the Government was shown by the almost unvarying rejection of their supporters at the bye elections.—1872.

No. 31.

EXTINGUISHED!

"It is not YOUR *business, Mr. Meddlesome, to be pulling down churches. You leave that work to your betters."*

☞ Mr. Miall's Disestablishment motion was again resisted by the Government, and rejected by a large majority.—1872.

No. 32.

"HUMBLE PIE."

MR. BULL. *"Humble pie again, William!—You gave me that yesterday!"*

HEAD WAITER. *"Yes, sir—No, sir—That were* GENEVA *humble pie, sir. This is* BERLIN *humble pie, sir!!"*

☞ The dispute respecting the San Juan boundary was submitted to the arbitration of the German Emperor. He decided in favour of the American claim.—1872.

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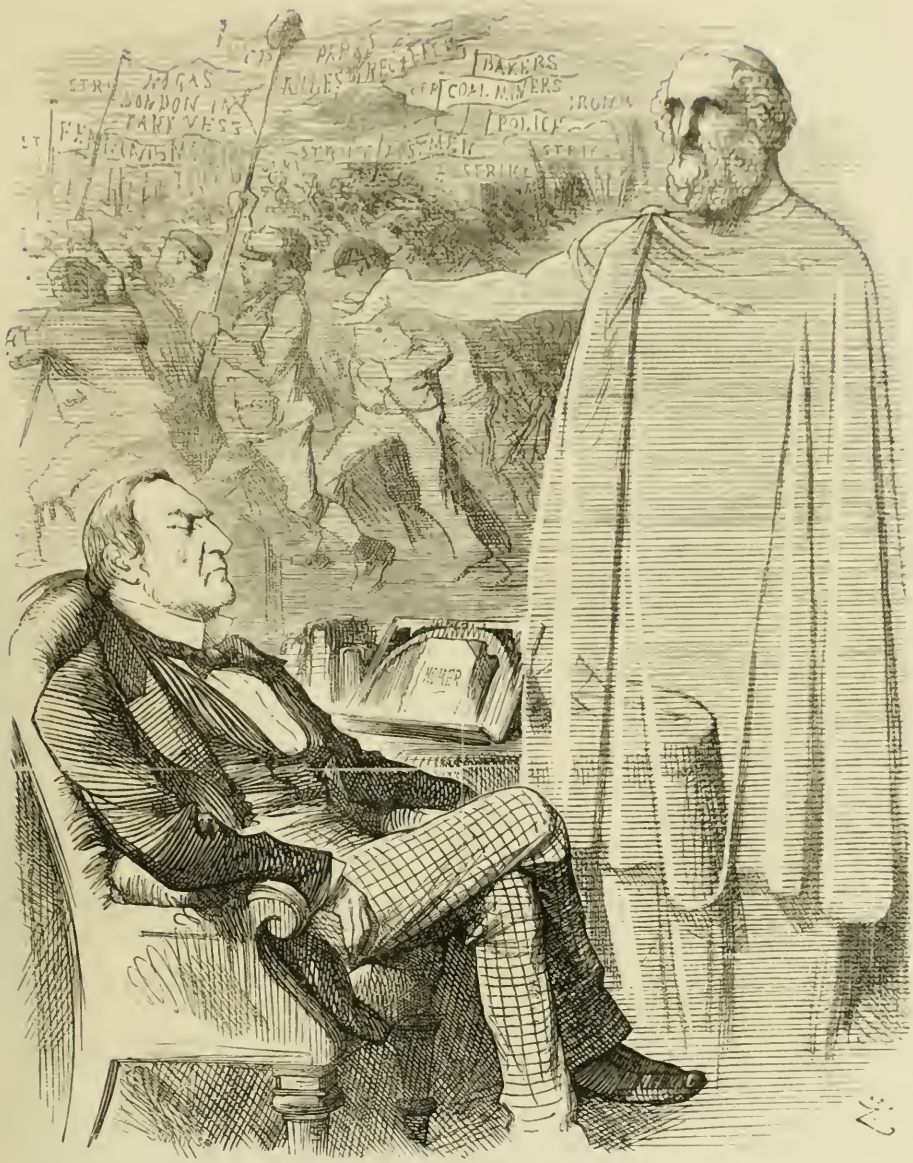


"MY OLD FRIEND HOMER."

("*Every day must begin for me with my old friend* HOMER—*the friend of my youth, the friend of my middle age and of my old age—from whom I hope never to be parted so long as I have any faculties, or any breath in my body.*"—MR. GLADSTONE, Dec. 3, 1872.)

GHOST (*rises*). "But if a clamorous vile plebeian rose,
Him with reproof he checked, or tamed with blows,
'Be silent, wretch, and think not here allowed
That WORST OF TYRANTS, a USURPING CROWD.'
—*That is Mr. Pope's translation of a passage of mine, sir. What do* YOU *make of it?*"

☞ Much of the dissatisfied feeling at this time prevalent amongst the working classes was attributed to the supineness of the Government.—1872.

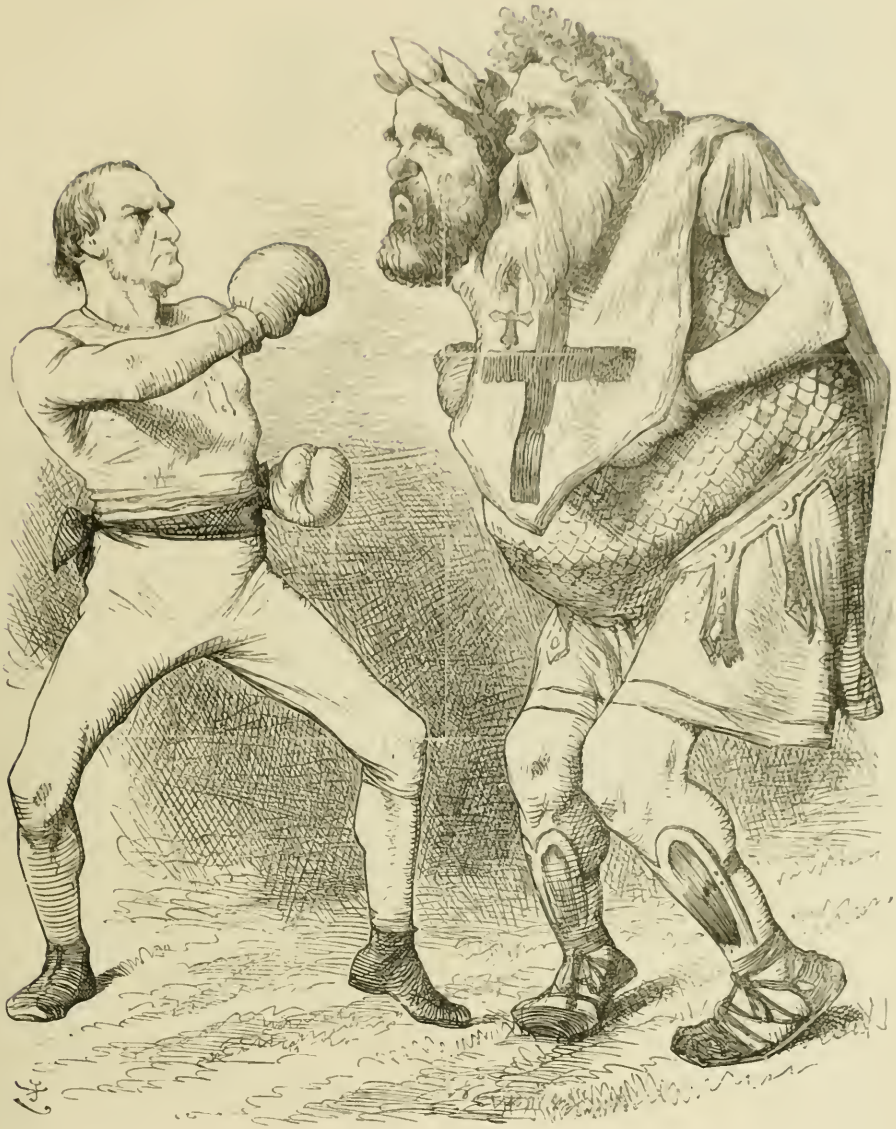
No. 34.

A DEPLORABLE SCEPTIC.

SAIREY GAMP. *"Quite right to refuge the money, my precious Bobsey, but I was sorry to read your languidge to that dear Lord Stanhope about Troy, and Achilles, and 'Omer, which it's well beknown I studies 'im day and night."*

BOBSEY PRIG. *"Bother your 'Omers, and your Achilleses, and your Troys! I don't believe as there was ever no such persons!"*

☞ Mr. Gladstone's reverent appreciation of Homer is displayed in Cartoon No. 35. Mr. Lowe has never concealed his contemptuous intolerance of all classical studies.—1873.



ONE IN THE "CORPORATION."

"Take that in your charity-basket, you 'fatted, gorged, not to say bloated,' old grabber!"

[See Mr. Gladstone's speech à propos of Emanuel Hospital and the City Aldermen.]

☞ The London Corporation fought strenuously for the retention of the patronage of Emanuel Hospital—but failed, owing to Mr. Gladstone's outspoken resistance.—1873.

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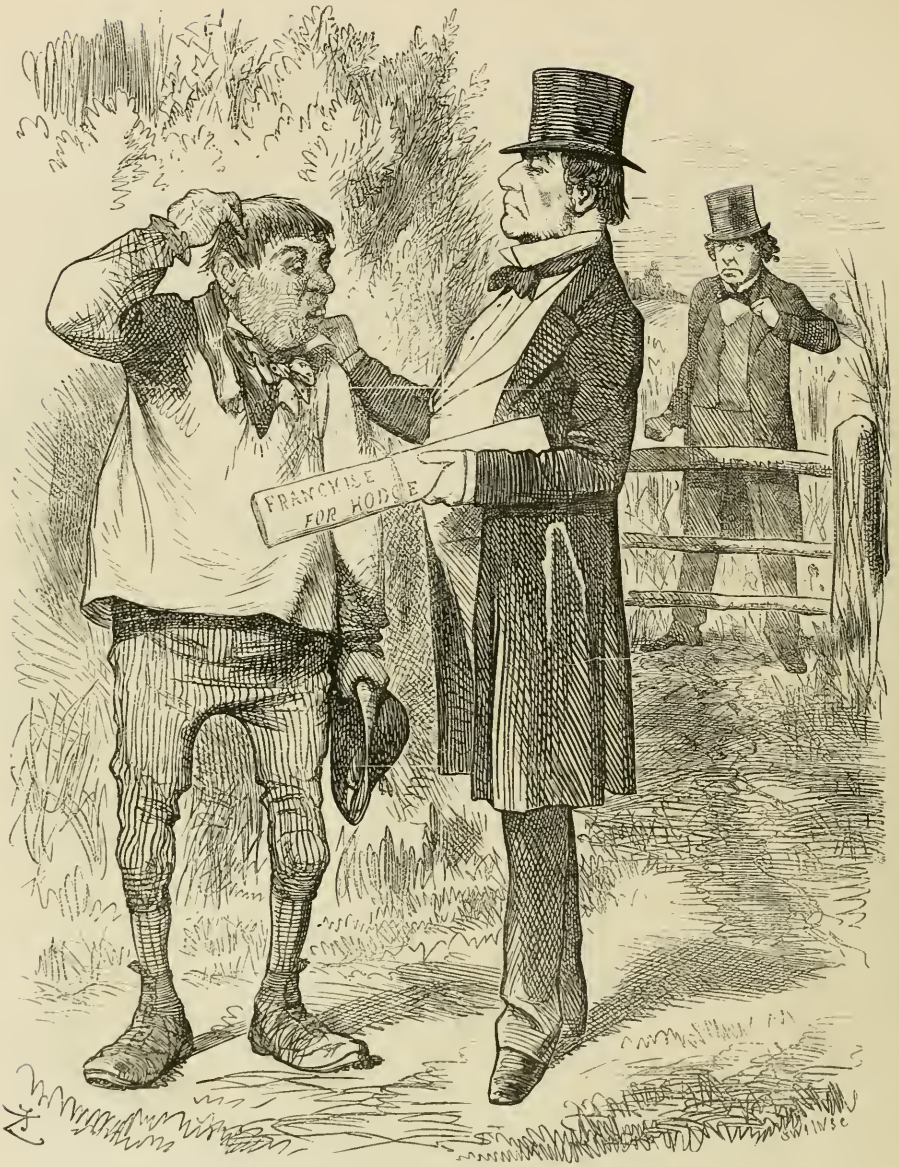

GREAT AUTUMN MANŒUVRE.

HODGE. *"Lor-a-massy, me-aster! Be oi to be a 'power in t' ste-ate'? What be oi to get by tha-at?"*

MR. G. *"That, my good friend, is a mere detail. The question is, what am* I *to get by it!!"*

☞ In the Debate as to giving a vote to the Agricultural Labourer, Mr. Forster read a letter from the Premier, who dec'ared that such extension of franchise was just and politic, and could not long be avoided.—1873.

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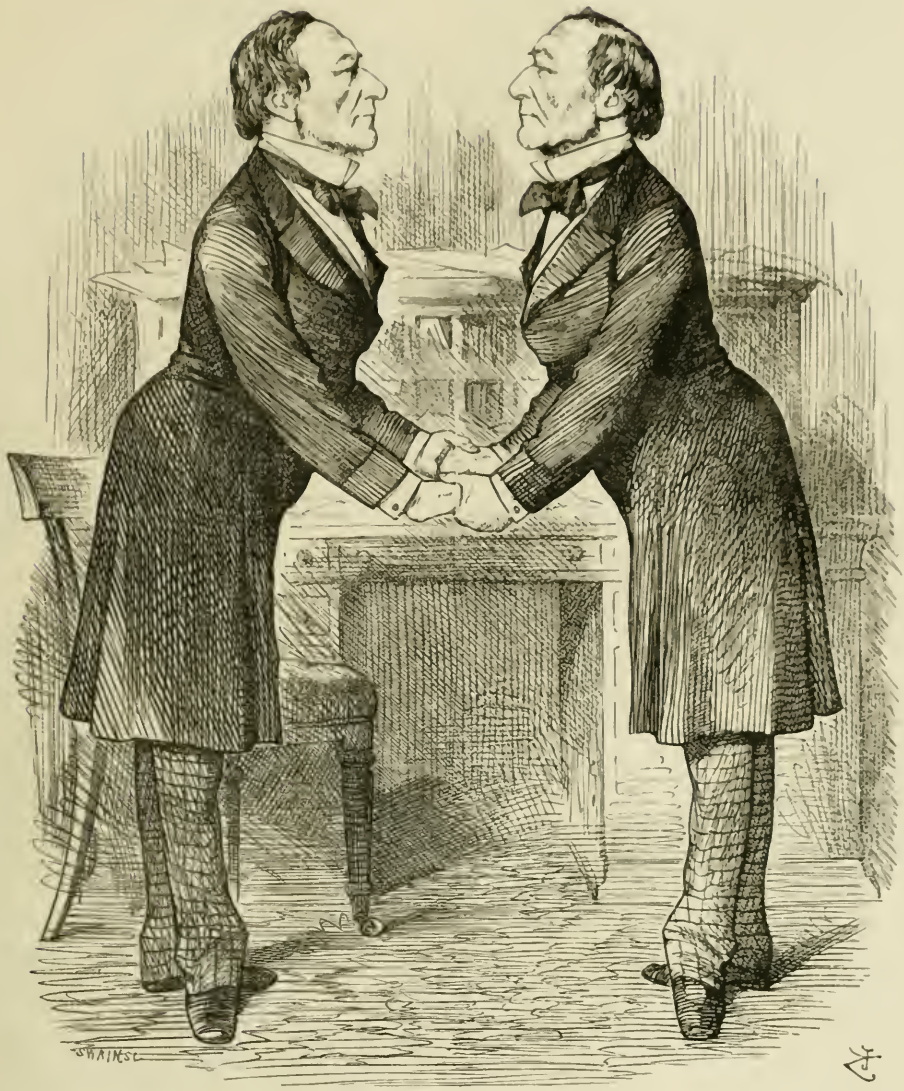

"SELF AND PARTNER."

MR. GLADSTONE. "*My dear First Lord, I have the utmost confidence in* YOU."

MR. GLADSTONE. "*And I in* YOU, *my dear Chancellor of the Exchequer; and if our colleagues were only like us, we should all be as one man!*"

☞ Mr. Gladstone was now First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer. The past Session had revealed an absence of harmony in the Ministry.—1873.

THE AWAKING OF ACHILLES.

☞ The Public Worship Bill introduced by the Bishop of London was suddenly adopted by the Government "to put down Ritualism." Mr. Gladstone emerged from his retirement to oppose it.—1874.

No. 39.

AN UNEXPECTED CUT.

MR. P. *"Go it, Gladstone! We didn't expect to find you cutting at* THAT *tree, you know!"* MR. G. *"All right, Mr. Punch! I choose my own trees, and my own time!"*

MR. GLADSTONE *has been cutting down trees at Hawarden.*—MORNING PAPER

☞ Mr. Gladstone now repaid the Ultramontane hostility of the preceding year by an effective exposure of the Papal claims to infallibility.—1874

"ARCADES AMBO!"

PRINCE B-SM-K. *"Ah, you did not expect to see me in Arcadia—Nein?"*

RIGHT HON. W. E. G. *"O, you'll not find it at all dull! Lots to do!* LOOK AT ME!!!"

☞ Mr. Gladstone abated little of his wonted mental activity, although freed from the cares of office. Prince Bismarck was at this time in (a nominal) retirement.—1877.

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